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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP AUGUST 14 - LUANDA

1. THE MOBIL MANAGER HERE HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT THE COMPANY HAS ORDERED THE MOBIL TANKER CONESTOGA TO LUANDA AND THAT SHE SHOULD ARRIVE AT PORT IN TWO OR THREE DAYS. THE COMPANY WANTS FULL PROTECTION, INCLUDING PERIMETER GUARDS. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY SAY THEY WILL COOPERATE FULLY. IN LIGHT OF THE PROMISED SHIPMENT, THE MILITARY HAVE RELEASED 100,000 LITERS OF REMAINING STOCKS TO THE OIL COMPANIES FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC.

2. THE FIGHTING IN LOBITO CONTINUED INTO THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 13. UNITA SEEMS TO HAVE WON, BUT NO ACCURATE REPORTS ARE YET AVAILABLE. UNITA AND MPLA ALSO FOUGHT BRIEFLY IN BENGUELA AND MPLA IS STILL IN CONTROL OF THE CITY. THERE WAS ALSO FIGHTING IN SA DA BANDEIRA ON AUGUST 13, WHERE SOME REPORTS HAVE IT THAT UNITA

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CHASED MPLA OUT OF THE TOWN.

3. THE COMMANDO COMMANDER TOLD ME THAT THE UNITA COLUMN THAT LEFT LUANDA LAST WEEK FOR NOVA LISBOA IS STILL BEING HELD BY MPLA AT DONDO AND THAT THE PORTUGUESE PLAN TO SEND A COMPANY OUT

TO BREAK THE IMPASSE.

4. AS WE HAVE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL, MPLA HAS TOLD OIL COMPANIES THAT THEY DO NOT WANT ANY FUEL SENT OUTSIDE THE AREAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL. MPLA JUSTIFIES ITS POSITION ON THE GROUNDS THAT SINCE UNITA DOES NOT ALLOW FOOD INTO LUANDA, MPLA HAS THE RIGHT TO EMBARGO SHIPMENTS BEYOND ITS ZONE OF INFLUENCE. ONE OIL COMPANY MANAGER TOLD THEM THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER HE CANNOT SHIP TO EITHER FNLA OR UNITA AREAS BECAUSE TRUCK DRIVERS REFUSE TO GO INTO THE INTERIOR. MPLA IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT FUEL SHIPMENTS TO CABINDA AND HAS DIRECTED THEY BE ADVISE OF ANY SHIPMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN PUT ARMED GUARDS ABOARD THE SHIPS TO PREVENT POSSIBLE FNLA ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT THE CARGO.

5. A BUSINESSMAN TOLD ME THAT AFTER THE JULY FIGHTING IN LUANDA MOBS LOOTED HIS SHOWROOM OF CARS, JEEPS, AIR-CONDITIONERS AND OTHER DURABLE GOODS. HE WENT TO THE MPLA WHICH WENT OUT AND COLLECTED THE MERCHANDISE FROM THE LOOTERS. HE REPORTS THAT A VERY LARGE PERCENTAGE HAS BEEN RETURNED TO HIM.
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